



Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
Member for Inala




**Minister for Transport
and Multicultural Affairs**

Our ref: PP1731-11

Your ref: Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie 

I refer to a petition number 1731-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Curtis Pitt MP, Member for Mulgrave on 3 August 2011 about Sunbus bus services in Cairns.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads contracts Transit Australia Group, trading as Marlin Coast Sunbus to provide *qconnect* urban bus services in the Cairns urban service contract area.

In early 2011, Transit Australia Group sought the department's approval to introduce a revised service network and timetable which they had developed for the Cairns Region. Following a rigorous assessment of the service network proposal, which included a public consultation process, approval was granted by the department to implement the service network and timetable changes effective 23 May 2011. Two months after the implementation of the service changes, Sunbus is required under the conditions of its service contract to undertake a review of the service changes and provide its written assessment report to the department within 10 business days.

I am advised that the department has received the assessment report from Transit Australia Group. The department is currently undertaking a review of the assessment report and concerns raised throughout the first two months of operation, including those from residents on west side of Golden Grove Drive.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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